THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE E. DHARMA RAO

W.P.No. 18652 of 2005

This writ petition is for a Mandamus declaring the action of the Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Mandal Parishad, I. Polavaram, East Godavari District, 3rd respondent herein, din not releasing the rice allotted for Food for Work Programme 2001-2002 as per the directions of the 2nd respondent dated 20-3-2002 as illegal and arbitrary and consequently for a direction to the 3rd respondent for release of the said rice.

The case of the petitioner is that he was allotted work in Tillakuppa village for construction of Public Lavotary in Pallavari meraka area in the year 2002 under the Food for Work Programme announced by the State Government. According to the petitioner he engaged labour and supplied 537 trucks of earth for filling the low level in the area under the supervision of the Gram Panchayat officials. After verification of the work executed by the petitioner, the Mandal Parishat Development Officer, 3rd respondent herein issued coupons for release of 10.75 tons of rice, but the same was not released due to lack of stock. Though the petitioner and the coolies approached the authorities for release of the said rice, no action has been taken by the reason dents. The petitioner submits that on the representation made by the petitioner, the 1st respondent directed the 2nd respondent to verify the work executed and accordingly the 2nd respondent visited the work spot and found the work executed by the petitioner and directed the 3rd respondent for release of the rice to the beneficiaries. The petitioner complains that inspite of the directions of respondents 1 and 2, the 3rd respondent failed to release the rice under the Food for work programme 2001-2002 to the petitioner. It is brought to my notice that the petitioner also made several representations dated 6-8-2002, 13-9-2002 and 6-12-2002 to the respondents for release of the said

rice, but the respondents have not considered the said representations so far. Challenging the inaction of the respondents the petitioner filed the present writ petition.

Since the representations of the petitioner are pending consideration before the respondents, without going into the merits, having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, I deem it appropriate to direct the respondents to consider the representations of the petitioner and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

23rd August, 2005

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